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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Charles J. STOUFFER et al.

Serial No.: 09/434,507

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: November 5, 1999

Examiner: S. Pollard

For: HIGH TEMPERATURE ISOSTATIC
PRESSURE BONDING OF HOLLOW
BERYLLIUM PRESSURE VESSELS
USING A BONDING FLANGE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully asks that the holding of abandonment concerning the above-identified application be withdraw as erroneous. The Brief on Appeal and a check for the \$320.00 appeal brief fee were timely submitted for this application on October 31, 2001 (the due date being November 5, 2001).

Applicant thanks Acting Group Director Joe Hale for the courtesy extended in the telephone conference of December 28, 2001 and his kind assistance in helping the undersigned understand this erroneous holding of abandonment. During the telephone conference Mr. Hale confirmed that Applicant's \$320.00 check for the appeal brief fee had been deposited and that the

Date: December 28, 2001

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PTO had credited Applicant with a mailroom date of October 31, 2001 for the Brief on Appeal in this application. Mr. Hale indicated that it was likely that the Brief itself had become lost within the PTO, resulting in the holding of abandonment.

Accordingly, three copies of the Brief on Appeal, as filed October 31, 2001, are submitted herewith to replace the ones that appear to have become lost in the PTO.

In support of this petition, three exhibits are attached. *Exhibit A* is a photocopy of the transmittal letter, submitted on October 31, 2001, accompanying the triplicate Brief on Appeal and check for the required fee. The cover sheet bears the Express Mail Label No. EL884787144US. *Exhibit B* is a photocopy of the corresponding return post card filing receipt, confirming receipt of the Brief on Appeal and check with a mailroom date of October 31, 2001. *Exhibit C* is a photocopy of the Express Mail Receipt (#EL884787144US) bearing "date in" markings indicating posting on October 31, 2001.

No fee is believed to be due in this matter since the holding of abandonment is based entirely on an error by the PTO.

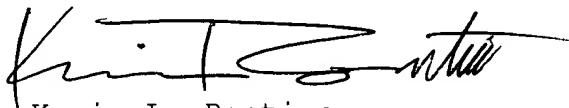
However, in the event it is determined that a fee is necessary for consideration of this petition, the Director of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to charge such petition fee to Deposit

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Account No. 18-1579. Furthermore, the Director is authorized to charge any necessary fees (including the Issue Fee), and conversely, deposit any credit balance, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579.

Respectfully submitted,
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Brief on Appeal (one original and two copies); and
2. Check for fee of \$320.00 (appeal fee).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

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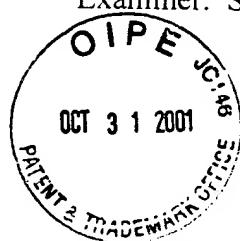
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